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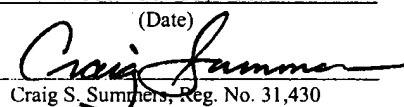
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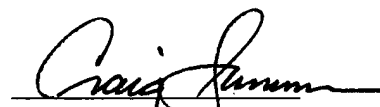
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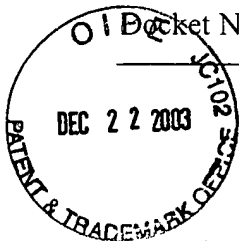
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- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with Thirteen (13) references listed, but not enclosed.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing thirteen (13) references that were previously disclosed to or cited by the Patent and Trademark Office in the prosecution of U.S. patent application No. 10/137,929, filed May 2, 2002, which is the parent of this continuation application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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	1	3,555,575	01/19/71	SCHWARTZ ET AL.			
	2	4,019,210	04/26/77	PATTERSON ET AL.			
	3	4,110,852	09/05/78	KLINE			
	4	4,142,337	03/06/79	HOLCOMB			
	5	4,233,694	11/18/80	JANOSKO ET AL.			
	6	4,661,247	04/28/87	WEIR ET AL.			
	7	5,056,167	10/15/91	CHOLLEY			
	8	5,199,116	04/06/93	FISCHER			
	9	5,224,224	07/06/93	HINTZ ET AL.			
	10	5,236,581	08/17/93	PERRY			

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

	11	The Hot Spring Spa brochure from Watkins Manufacturing Corp. (1982)
	12	The Life Style brochure from Discovery Corporation (date unknown)
	13	HotSpring Portable Spas brochure from HotSpring Portable Spas (1993)

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